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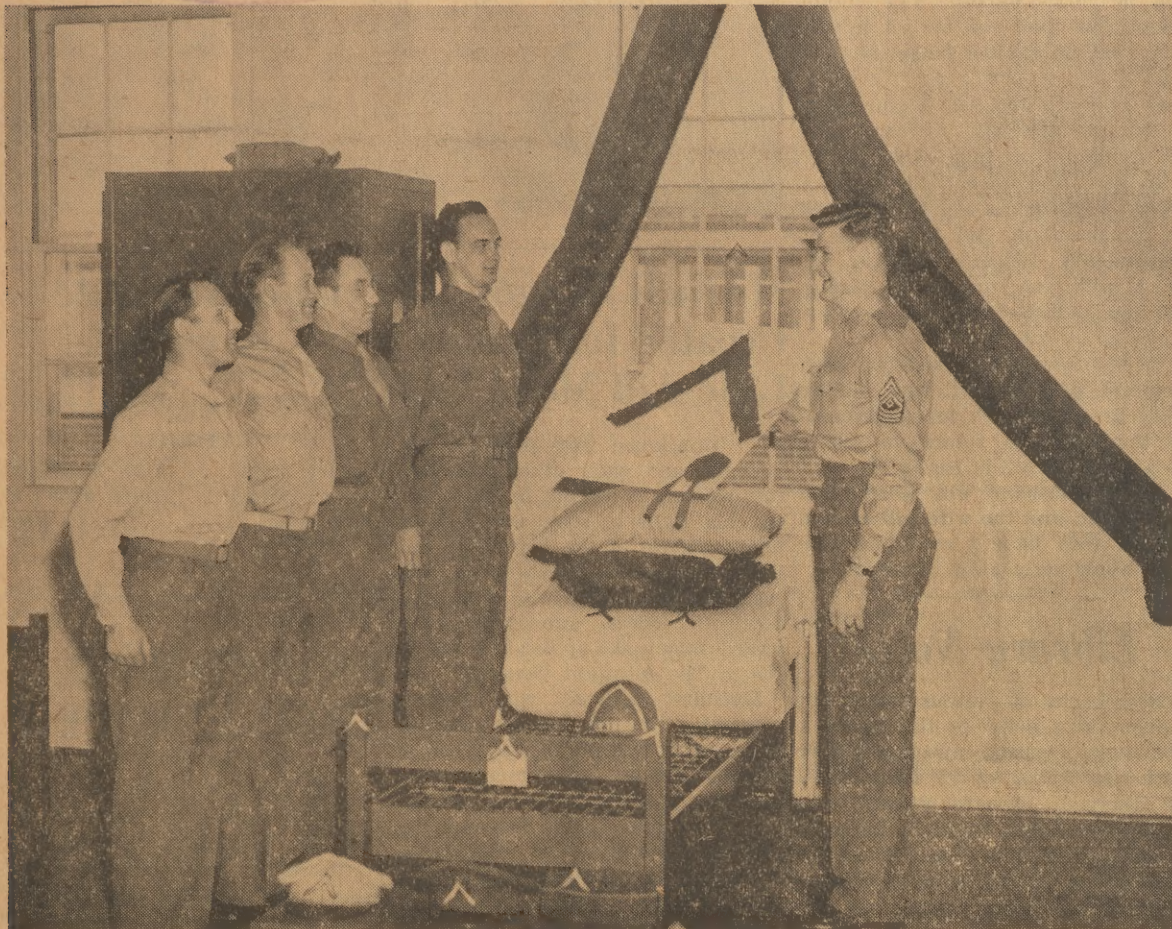
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—(Photo by Milgrim).

**PROMOTION FIRST CLASS**—A Pretty Fine Commotion took place in detachment barracks Monday when all but three members of McGuire's 12-piece band were elevated to the rank of Private First Class. In a ceremony, the equal of which has never been seen on this post, 1st Sergeant Bill Allison lectured four of the promotees on the increased responsibilities of their new stature. With ears at attention are Pfc. Ludy Minnigh, Jesse Latto, Herb Osgood and Ralph Phillips. Two members of the band did not have the good fortune of becoming one-strippers—they're already corporals. A third, leader Eddie Weaver, jumped the gun and got his lonesome chevron last week.

## Reconditioning Opens Daily Sports Program

A program of voluntary sports activities added to a daily calisthenics schedule for ambulatory patients is under way in the post gymnasium to speed recovery of wounded or idle limbs to maximum extent within the individual capabilities of patients, according to Major Craig W. Muckle, chief of Reconditioning Service.

Included in the list of games available for patients able to participate are basketball, badminton, volley ball and softball. When weather permits, softball games will be conducted on an out-of-doors diamond.

Bed patients are given individually supervised calisthenics by one of the staff instructors who carefully adapts each exercise to that portion of each patient's body or muscle group able to sustain and benefit from exercise.

The sports program is under the direction of Lt. Robert D. Henry, chief, Physical Reconditioning Section. Aiding in execution of the plan are S-Sgt. John Atmachilk, Sgt. Ray S. Treon, Cpl. Charles Coggins and Pfc. Edward Watkins. Valuable

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## Theater Coupons Expire March 23

Detachment personnel and patients were reminded this week by Lt. J. J. Berman, special services officer, that post theater coupon books expire on March 23.

Coupons already purchased may still be used until that date, he said, after which unused tickets will be redeemed at 12 cents each, if they are still attached to the coupon book.

## Local Sock in Entertainment Is Aim of Talent Workshop

It took Lt. John J. Berman, McGuire's new special services officer, less than two weeks from the time he arrived on the post to put breath and a heartbeat into a plan for a soldier talent workshop which, with the continued enthusiasm of patients, detachment personnel, cadet nurses and civilians, should soon prove to be one of the hospital's most catchy and catch-all activities.

## McGuire Readied For Neurosurgery Patient Arrivals

McGuire is now equipped to handle a sizeable number of patients requiring specialized care in neuro-surgery, the definitive specialty recently assigned the hospital, according to Major R. C. L. Robertson, who recently arrived to assume the job of McGuire's chief of neurosurgery.

A shortage of ward officers to work under the direction of specialists, he said, is the chief holdup in preparations to assign for specialized care McGuire's full quota of 1,440 beds for neurosurgery. In addition to Major Robertson, neurosurgery specialists now stationed here are Major S. Shenkman and Captain William T. Preacher. A third specialist, Major W. W. McKinney, is due to arrive shortly.

Already 278 beds have been made available for specialized care, he reported, and others will be assigned as equipment arrives and personnel is chosen to man the wards. Buildings 207 and 108 are concentration points for neurosurgery patients. Officers are treated in wards 15 and 16.

Major Robertson arrived at McGuire February 23 from Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Before entering the army in March, 1942, he practiced in Houston, Texas.

Six-foot-three, tackle-type Lt. Berman, who calls Cincinnati, Ohio, his home, arrived here from Camp Reynolds, Pa., where for 27 months he served as post special services officer and athletic officer.

Object of the talent workshop, he (Continued on page 4)

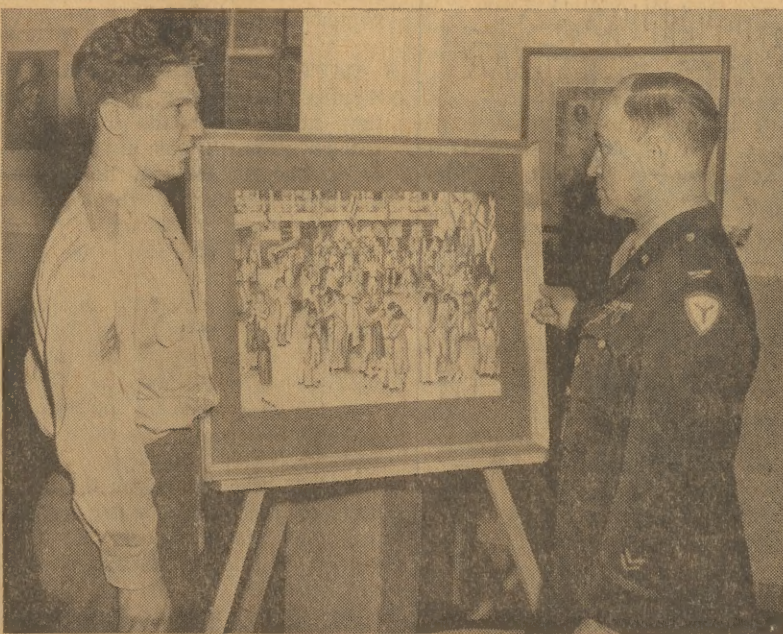
## MGH 'Open House' Radio Show Goes Into 14th Week

McGuire's popular weekly half-hour radio show, "Open House at McGuire" is going into its fourteenth consecutive week.

Heard on WRVA Saturday at 4:30 p.m., "Open House" written and produced by public relations officer Lt. Howard B. Leeds, features interviews with McGuire patients, their favorite personal adventure stories, and informal highlights from their bull sessions in the wards.

The stories and interviews to date (Continued on page 4)

## As One Artist to Another



**COLONEL JAMES P. WHARTON**, Third Service Command Public Relations Officer, discusses with Sgt. Edward T. Paier, post artist, one of two water colors to be submitted by Paier in the National Army Arts Contest. Colonel Wharton, an artist of considerable note himself, visited McGuire and nearby posts Monday in connection with the forthcoming competition. Sgt. Paier, who has exhibited his works in the leading galleries of New York and his native Connecticut, holds a master's degree from the Yale School of Fine Arts.

## Medic Badge Created For Line Aid Men

Front line medical aid men, long dubbed by infantrymen as the "fighting man's best buddies," received recognition this week equal to that accorded infantrymen with whom they share battle hazards and hardships, when the War Department announced creation of the Medical Badge.

According to War Department Circular 66, dated March 1, the Medical Badge, first aid man's equivalent of the Combat Infantryman's Badge, is authorized for wear by medical personnel who have served on the line with "infantry units, especially infantry battalions. It is intended," the circular states, "that this badge shall be awarded only to those who are daily sharing with the infantry the hazards and hardships of combat."

No extra-pay in connection with the badge is authorized by the circular.

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The badge is of silver metal, elliptical in shape, with the Medical Department's insignia, the caduceus, and the Geneva Cross superimposed on the metal. The design is surrounded by a leaf of oak leaves. It is to be worn on the left breast, above decorations and service ribbons.

Provision is made for retroactive award of the Medical Badge to personnel who have satisfactorily completed requirements on or since December 7, 1941. The badge is not awarded posthumously.

Any individual who believes himself eligible for a Medical Badge award may make application by letter to the Adjutant General through his present organization commander "stating in detail the detachment, regiment and division in which he was serving when the badge was believed to have been earned, dates of such service, specific reasons why the badge was believed to have been earned, applicant's present organization and its (Continued on page 2)

## Elks Club Party To Shell Out For Whoppers

Eight prizes, ranging from \$25 down to \$2, will be offered McGuire patients by the Elks Club of Richmond for the tallest tales unraveled at a party to be held March 27. The affair will take place in the Red Cross.

The tall tales portion of the party will be broadcast over WRNL. Entertainment and refreshments will be offered after the broadcast.

Whoppers should be submitted to Red Cross Gray Ladies or their Information Desk as soon as possible to insure inclusion in the program.

## "Flicka" Flicker in Friday Doubleheader

"Thunderhead, Son of Flicka," starring Roddy McDowell and Preston Foster will be shown in the Red Cross auditorium Friday night at 5:30 p.m. for all patients. The early showing is scheduled in order to allow "Monkeyshines at McGuire," WRNL's quiz show to begin at 7 p.m.

A new series of patients' movies to be held each Monday at 7 p.m. begins next week with "Falcon in Hollywood," with Tom Conway and Peda Ann Borg.

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## Ten Bucks a Month

Last November 30, an editorial in the BANNER joined with the voice of every soldier who has seen the medical corpsman operate on the front line in calling for:

1. A distinctive award for front line corpsmen, equivalent to the Combat Infantryman's Badge.
2. A pay increase of \$10 per month for front line corpsmen, to give them equal stature with the infantryman at whose side they share this war.

Point number one this week became a fact. Point number two remains in the hearts of fighting men as a tribute unpaid.

Quibblers will pass away hours, which they could spend more usefully otherwise, arguing whether the medic needs the money.

Staff Sergeant Daniel Lind has the answer for that one. Lind, a patient in Ward 47, wears the Silver Star, the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

"The medics are getting short changed," Lind declares. "If I get ten bucks for being a foot-slogger—regardless of whether I need the dough—the medic is second rate until he gets it too. And if there's any soldier in this war who's done his corps proud, it's the medic. He's tops, and no infantryman wants to be a step ahead of him."

Lind still has two arms today because a medic crawled to him under shellfire to patch up his wound before Lind could be brought back for further aid.

Further testimony that infantrymen mean business is found in the following news story:

**WITH THE U. S. NINTH ARMY IN GERMANY**—Angered because medical enlisted men who go into battle side by side with them do not receive combat pay, infantrymen of one unit on this front oversubscribed to a fund to pay the medics an extra \$10 a month out of their own pockets.

Ten bucks a month is not the central issue. The question which fighting men ask is whether the first line medic is to be pulled up from a second-rate military category.

## McGuire Scroll of HONOR

The following McGuire civilian employees this week completed one year of consecutive service:

Albert S. Archer, Police and Personnel; Miss Adeline McCalley, Adjutant's Office; Miss Alice E. Wilkerson, Dental Clinic; William H. Fowler, Francis J. Gandolfo, Richard R. Hall, Elmer Jeffries, James A. Kain, George G. Markham, Clarence M. Stanley, Robert L.

## Bars and Stripes

To Private First Class

Pvt. Edward Weaver  
Pvt. Victor F. Gallucci  
Pvt. Hugh M. Geiss  
Pvt. Herbert L. Gupton Sr.  
Pvt. Jesse E. Latto  
Pvt. Morton L. Minnigh  
Pvt. Herbert I. Osgood  
Pvt. Ralph E. Phillips, Jr.  
Pvt. Rudolph A. Walde

Thompson, Hugh E. Thornton, and David L. Wright, Post Engineer's Office.

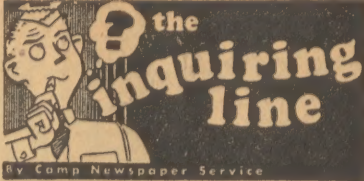
## The Wolf

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by Sansone



"Try again—guess the empty hand and win a kiss!"



Q. I was in the State Militia for 2 years before I was inducted into the Army. Can I draw longevity pay?

A. No, you can't. While the National Guard had a Federal status, State Militias and Home Guards did not. Consequently, you cannot count the time you served in the State Militia against longevity.

Q. Is there any way I can make a regular allotment to cover the premiums on my civil insurance?

A. Yes. You can make out a Class E allotment for the amount of the premium, and the Office of Dependency Benefits, Newark 25, N. J., will take care of the matter for you. (AR 35-5520.)

Q. If a man and his wife are both veterans of this war, what allowance are they given for subsistence if they wish to return to school under the GI Bill of Rights?

A. The husband will receive \$75 per month and the wife will receive \$50. If they have a child the wife also would receive \$75 a month.

## Library Notes

New books of various kinds are being added daily to the library's collection. Familiar authors appear with new additions to their credit or discredit. Richard Wright, author of NATIVE SON, in his new book BLACK BOY, has written his autobiography, telling with utmost candor, yet with dignity, of his adolescent years in the South, of his struggle to rise in the world of little opportunity for the Negro, of his perennial hunger, his conflict with his family, his fight to restrain his violent nature, and finally of his escape from the South and from Southern ways to Chicago. One of the most gifted of America's younger writers has produced a book poetic, poignant and disturbing.

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Co-selection of the Book-of-the-Month with BLACK BOY is APARTMENT IN ATHENS by Glenway Wescott. As the title suggests the scene is laid in Athens, Greece, in an apartment where a German Nazi captain is quartered with a mild-mannered intellectual Greek family. Through the conflict and tragedy that results the author sees his way into a central German secret: the Nazi's do not mind being despised, hated, defeated or killed; they fear only being understood. Once the Hellanos family arrive through compassion at an understanding of the mind and soul of Captain Kalter they have sealed their own doom by so doing. It is a strange grim study, excellently written, but not written for popular appeal.

CAPTAINS FROM CASTLE by Samuel Shellabarger is the author's first novel under his own name. Known primarily as an historian, or a historic analyst, he is well qualified to deal in the romance and adventure of the age of Christopher Columbus and the glory that was Spain.

In the midst of all the bitterness and realism brought on by the war it's refreshing to see a new novel reminiscent of the blazing conquest of Mexico by the Spanish Conquistadores in the 16th Century.

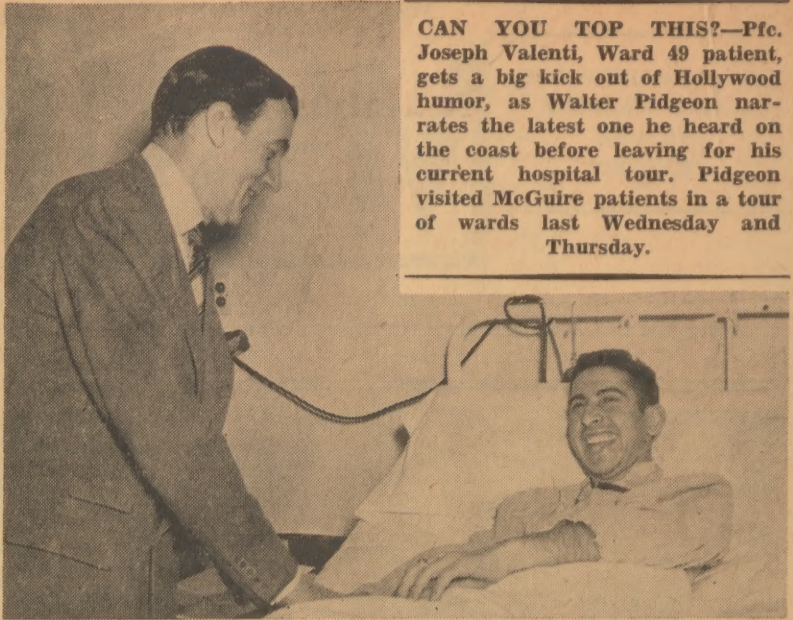
It will find its major appeal to men in its swift moving adventure, the age old quest for gold, glory, and beautiful women in a new world.

For several months, despite lack of lusty publicity, it has been among the ten best sellers of the nation.

—Nettie E. Taylor

## DAFFYNITION:

Pullman windows—what it takes jacks or better to open.



CAN YOU TOP THIS?—Pfc. Joseph Valenti, Ward 49 patient, gets a big kick out of Hollywood humor, as Walter Pidgeon narrates the latest one he heard on the coast before leaving for his current hospital tour. Pidgeon visited McGuire patients in a tour of wards last Wednesday and Thursday.

## Medical Badge Created for Front Line Aid Men

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address, and such other information as may be helpful in determining his right to such award. Former members of the Army who believe themselves entitled to the Medical Badge, but who have not received orders announcing the award, may make application therefor to The Adjutant General.

McGuire patients who believe themselves eligible for the Medical Badge should initiate applications through their Detachment commanding officer, Lt. Pat R. Brewer. Duty personnel should forward applications through Capt. Jess Mann, Headquarters Detachment commander.

Former members of the Army who make application for the Medical Badge should include in their applications a certified or photostatic copy of discharge certificate or certificate of service. However, Circular No. 66 warns prudently that "in no case should the original certificates be forwarded."

A jeep is a cocktail shaker with three speeds.

## Chapel Schedule

PROTESTANT

Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.  
Lenten Service.....Wed., 6:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass.....8:30, 10:30 a.m.  
Lenten Devotions..Thurs. 6:30 p.m.  
Daily Mass.....12 noon

JEWISH

Friday Services.....6:45 p.m.

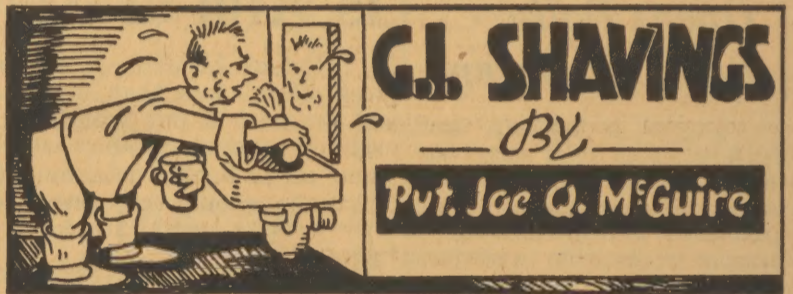
## Reconditioning Sports Program

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aid has also come from Lt. Mirault F. Wand, patient in Ward 21, and specialist in physical education.

"There are many excellent calisthenic exercises for bed patients," Lt. Henry pointed out, "which act as muscle toners and morale builders and actually speed up recovery time, because the patient himself can see and feel the daily improvement in his physical condition."

"Even the most limited type of exercise performed by the smallest muscle group of the patient's body will have a beneficial effect upon the entire body and mind of that patient," he concluded.



The stork, for a while grounded by bad flying weather, is at it again, dropping in on Cpl. and Mrs. Charles Bernhardt and M-Sgt. & Mrs. Bob Morris. Baby girls this time, one each. Congratulations!

Tensely awaiting word from the California stork division is Pvt. Delmar Dayton, who is "expecting."

Just as nervous is Roy Delvecchio, whose Detachment Kitty is about to introduce her new squad. Just how does that come under the "point" system for discharges?

Did you know that in their report to the commanding officer the PX Committee gave Sgt. Al. Zipnick the back-pat he deserves for his work at the Detachment PX? Al spends many hours on the arrangements and displays that have made his spot a favorite of all detachment personnel. The congeniality and willingness to serve by both Zip and his sidekick, Johnny Embert, has promoted many a sale which otherwise might not have been made.

It just had to happen! After admitting those countless numbers of patients, Capt. Henry Resch fell victim to his own forms and questions at the A & D Office, ending up in Ward 20. Could it be "Admissionitis"? Anyhow, hurry back, Captain.

FLASH! When Pvt. Carol Weissbuch came down with the measles this morning, all of Ward 1 had to be cleared to make room for her!

Mike Zahorchek is probably the most popular MP on the post, and as an MP is part of an unusual story. Did you know he had written permission from his former CO to refrain from saluting?

The story starts back in Pennsylvania where Mike was ending a successful high school football career. The final minutes of the final game were closing. A two hundred pounder cracked the line, but Zahorchek, backing up that line, moved in and made the tackle. He had hit this guy many times that same afternoon but this time something happened and he landed in the hospital.

Next we find MP Michael with the 45th Division, doing town patrol in Boston. As a Marine officer walked past he was thrown a "highball", but again something happened—his shoulder snapped out of place. The benign Marine officer wrote to Mike's CO and an investigation resulted in the written permission which he carried until he came to McGuire.

They tell me I snore  
But I don't hear it.  
Now isn't that odd  
When I'm so near it?

# From Ellsdorf to McGuire In 10 Days Running Time

Within ten days from the moment he was struck down by enemy shell fire during hot combat action in Germany, Lt. William Neborak, Jr., was a McGuire patient.

On February 27, while leading his men on patrol under heavy enemy shelling at Ellsdorf, Germany, he was wounded by direct fire of a German 105. On March 9 he was lying in a bed in Ward 16.

# New Waste List Includes Scarce Items

Drawing the similarity between willful waste of serviceable government property and direct sabotage by the enemy, Lt. James T. Remley, salvage officer, today issued a long list of serviceable items picked up by the salvage trash collection between March 5 and March 12.

"Through carelessness and neglect," he charged, "individuals responsible just threw those valuable items away. Willful waste of hospital property by personnel is identical to sabotage by the enemy."

Items found include: one forceps in Ward 15; 18 forks, 11 spoons, nine knives, two salt shakers, 2 pepper shakers, one spatula in Mess Hall No. 2; one GI shoe in Ward 14; one pair hospital slippers in the guardhouse; one pair hospital slippers in detachment barracks; one cook's apron and one ace bandage in building 108; and five laundry nets in building 303.

# Detachment Keeps Clean AWOL Slate

McGuire's detachment of enlisted personnel has maintained a record of no AWOLs since January 1, it was learned this week from Captain Jess H. Mann, detachment commander.

The perfect New Year's record covers a two month period during which average detachment strength was 565 men, including personnel of the Train Division, as well as the completed portion of March with a strength of 330, the captain pointed out.

Attributing the clean slate to no particular action or new policy which might tend to discourage AWOLism, Captain Mann suggested, "Men refrain from going AWOL either when they are afraid or when their morale is high. Personally, I see nothing around here to make men afraid."

A nut at the wheel,  
A peach at his right,  
A curve in the road,  
Fruit salad tonight.

The 10-day trip for the wounded anti-tank infantry officer includes an ambulance trip from the battle field to Liege, Belgium, a hospital train trip from there to Paris, a hospital plane trip from Paris to New York, a trip by hospital plane to Washington, then Richmond Army Air Base, and from there to McGuire by ambulance.

Lt. Neborak, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Neborak of Spring City, Pa., entered the Army in January of 1941 and went overseas in December of 1944. The 28-year-old lieutenant saw combat action in the Normandy campaign, the battles for Brest and St. Lo, on the Siegfried Line and during the breakthrough, before German shell fire knocked him out.

"We were on patrol to locate enemy positions for our fire direction when I got mine," the young lieutenant said. "and the medics took care of me almost immediately. From then on the care and trips were so speedy that I don't remember too much about anything between the time I was hit and my arrival back to the States."

Prior to joining the Army, Lt. Neborak was a professional baseball player. For almost two years he chalked up an enviable record in the Inter State League of Pennsylvania, and was ripe for big league bids when he entered the Army.

# Cadet Nurses Name 5 to Membership In Student Board

Senior Cadet Nurse Jean Hare, of Harrisburg, Pa., this week was elected chairman of a five-member student council for cadet nurses at McGuire.

The council will formulate and enforce house regulations, stipulate punishments, direct campaigns among cadets for war bonds, contributions, etc., in conjunction with post drives, and conduct social activities.

Also elected to the council were Senior Cadets Dorothy Barmey, Betty Cunliffe, Betty Sharpnack and Mary C. Montgomery.

# Business Aid Offered

Washington (CNS)—A booklet outlining the various ways in which the Smaller War Plants Corporation can aid veterans in setting up and maintaining small business enterprises is now available for distribution. It can be obtained by writing to the Smaller War Plants Corporation, Washington 25, D. C.



WAC BRAIN TRUST—Lt. Dorothy C. O'Hare, just arrived at McGuire as commanding officer of the Wac Detachment, checks up on post regulations with Sgt. Phyllis Willow, acting first sergeant. Lt. O'Hare wears a battle star on her Pacific theater ribbon, earned while serving in supply on a New Guinea base.

# "For'd Harch" is Cadets' Cue To Chant the Rookie Blues

By CPL. BERNARD ASBEL

"I'm going to join the Navy so I can swim instead of march," she shrieked, tearing for the administration building at the command, "Fall out!"

She was Senior Cadet Nurse Betty Cunliffe, one of a group of cadets just completing a recent session of close order drill, under the patient, painstaking tutelage of Lt. William H. Flannagan, Sgt. Manuel Lucero and Sgt. Frank Wilson.

# Richmond Clubs Open Golf Courses To McGuire Vets

Overseas patients at McGuire will be able to play golf on three Richmond courses this summer without charge, Major Craig W. Muckle, chief of the hospital's reconditioning service, announced today.

Major Muckle said golfing facilities at the Hermitage Country Club, the Jefferson Lakeside Club and the James River course of the Country Club of Virginia have been opened to wounded veterans five afternoons a week and that transportation to and from the courses would be provided by the hospital.

"McGuire patients can play Mondays through Fridays after 2:30 p.m.," Major Muckle said. "We will furnish buses to take them to and from the courses. Golf clubs and balls will not be furnished by the courses, but we are hopeful of obtaining a sufficient number through the Red Cross to accommodate the men who want to play."

Miss Frances T. Southall, Red Cross Field director at McGuire, said she was attempting to obtain clubs and balls through the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Council and that the equipment would be turned over to the reconditioning service for distribution.

BUY WAR BONDS & STAMPS

# Ward Tours By Band Aid To Treatment

BY PFC. LEE KING

The therapeutic value of music is so well recognized by medical men today that most hospitals include some phase of it in the course of convalescent treatment.

In treatment of convalescent battle casualties musical therapy is of particular value. It is not only beneficial in building up morale through group enjoyment of rhythm, melody and participation in song, but the returned fighting man likes to catch up on the latest tune hits.

Musical therapy has a definite place in McGuire General Hospital's convalescent course of treatment, and Pfc. Eddie Weaver and the hospital band are the musical therapists that supply the treatment.

Chief of Special Services, Lt. John J. Berman, in cooperation with reconditioning service chief Major Craig W. Muckle, arranges for Pfc. Eddie Weaver and his "musical medico" band to play daily in hospital wards.

Although Eddie and the boys always have a full schedule, there's never any difficulty in getting the boys to play in more wards than are listed.

"We get as much fun and build-up out of it as the patients do," said Weaver. "Not only do the patients enjoy hearing us play their requests, but they like to sing selections from the hit kits we carry along."

"And the patients also like to meet the band members and talk with them about their home towns, for every time we play in a ward there's always a couple or more of the patients that come from the same town as one of the band."

The hospital bandmen play a part in every McGuire activity. They supply the music for patients' weekly jam sessions in the Red Cross Hall, the patients' weekly dances and dancing classes, the hospital radio shows, "Open House at McGuire" each Saturday from 4 to 4:30 at station WRVA and "Monkeyshines at McGuire" each Friday night for one half hour over station WRNL as well as the 30 minute pre-broadcast warm up.

They also play for the twice-monthly WRVA broadcast of "Okay America" and its one hour advance warm up show, and give out with dance tunes for every officers' dance or detachment dance held on the post, of which there are at least four or five every month.

In addition, Weaver, himself, presents a weekly 15-minute radio show of requested organ selections and interviews with Virginia patients in McGuire. This show is aired over WRVA each Thursday afternoon at 3:15 p.m.

# Said the Martins To the Coys . . .

Of course if they want to feud, the BANNER will be happy to declare verbal warfare. This little gem of brotherly love appears in the March issue of "INSIDE BELLWOOD":

Printed in the McGuire BANNER for 15 Feb: 'McGuire Generals made it two wins out of three for the season against Bellwood Engineers Tuesday night, handing the Petersburg Pikers a 39-26 defeat.

While many a worker laments the distance 'out the pike' which he or she has to travel in order to get to work, we don't think our geography ought to be rubbed in.

'Twould be just as fair to refer to the basketballers from McGuire as the Dopes, on the strength of the supplies they have over there in their medicine chests.

# Cartoonist Wanted

The Chicago Times, a leading mid-west tabloid, is looking for an editorial cartoonist, preferably a discharged war veteran. The paper describes itself as one with a "liberal" editorial policy.

Any patient interested, who is expecting a discharge in the near future, should contact the Public Relations Office, administration building.

The press always makes a big fuss when a famous person dies but never has a word to say when he's born.



"READY ON THE LEFT, READY ON THE RIGHT . . ."—McGuire patients line up for a new variety of army drill. Twenty new bicycles have been obtained by Reconditioning Service to help patients revitalize recovering muscles and to help them keep in shape good ones. Bicycle jaunts are now on the Reconditioning menu every afternoon.

# Patients Seek Therapy Aid In P.O. Jobs

In Reconditioning Service's newest project to aid patients' recovery by employing them in useful jobs of their own choosing, five McGuire patients this week took on volunteer jobs in the hospital post office.

Aiding in checking patients' mail against the directory and assisting in the sorting of mail, patients work an average of six hours a day, six-days a week, except as prevented by appointments in connection with their recovery. The volunteer program replaces attendance by the volunteers of reconditioning classes.

The five patients are S-Sgt. Louis Pacini, Pvt. Patrick J. Malta, Pvt. Charles C. Meadows, Pvt. August Victoris and Pfc. Frank E. English.

# Talent Workshop Aims for Local Entertainment

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explained, is to set up a pool of actors, singers, writers, comedians, scenery and stage men who will find fun in supplying fun to others.

"We're not looking for people who had spots on Jack Benny's payroll. Army shows aren't based on such talent. A good soldier show—and they're the best shows in the world—are made by men and women with enthusiasm and a desire to stage a good product, regardless of their experience," the lieutenant affirmed. "Here at McGuire, we have enough talent and ambition to get up top variety shows and plays for performances in the Red Cross, the wards, detachment functions and Officers' Club. Anyone on the post can join the workshop with any ability he has to offer.

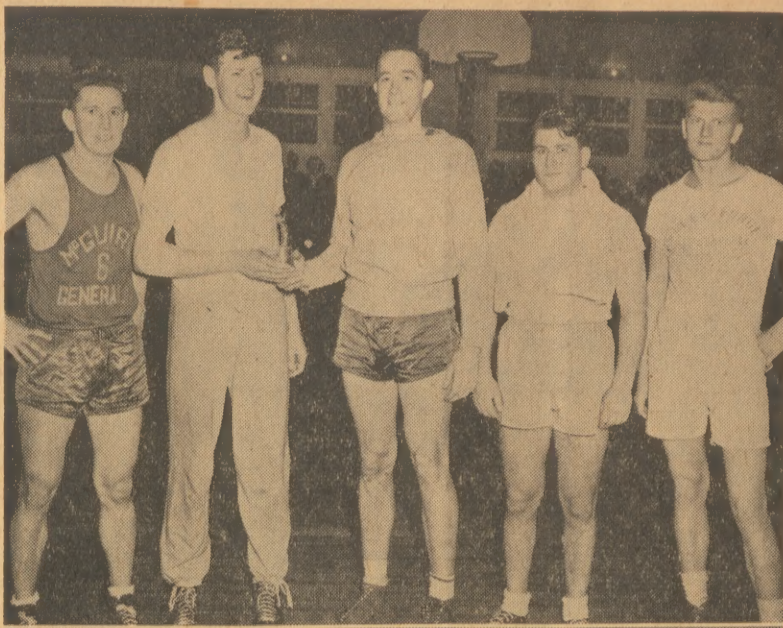
"And to join up does not commit anyone to a heavy responsibility," he continued. "A participant is expected to contribute only as much as he considers himself able to contribute. The object of the workshop is to have fun."

The workshop, which will have the cooperation of Red Cross and Reconditioning, already has begun daily get-togethers in the Red Cross Auditorium. These sessions will continue to be held every day from 2 to 4 p.m. Hospital personnel unable to join the group afternoons will have separate meetings to conform with their convenience.

McGuire's band will be a vital part of the workshop program, supplying musical support and guidance.

Already production of a variety show is under way, tentatively scheduled for next Thursday in the Red Cross. Pvt. Morris "Shorty" Selkow, a patient, has written a comedy sketch, "The Farmer's Daughter," now being cast, which will be staged. The show, entitled "Hawaiian Hepcats," also will feature variety acts drawn from McGuire talent. Further entertainment will be contributed by various sources in Richmond.

"But there's room for plenty more," Lt. Berman reminded, "both



—(Photos by Smith)  
**BASKETBALL KINGS**—Military Personnel's crack basketballers line up after the game which won them the intra-post tournament crown last Thursday in the post gym. Left to right, WOJG Bob Conway, 1st Sgt. Bill Allison, Tee 5 Charlie Wolf, seen holding the trophy he won as highest individual scorer in the tourney, Sgt. Harry Gallin and Pfc. Johnny Sheppard. Below, CWO Larry Roffman, captain of the Blackjacks, who were caught on the wrong side of the score in the championship game, gets set to nab one off the backboard, while also on the alert are seen Personnel's Gallin and Blackjack's Captain Sy Miller.

# MGH 'Open House' In 14th Broadcast

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have totaled thirty-two, and the bull sessions about fifteen.

Stories range over a wide variety of battle experiences by men who lived to come back and tell about them, including one of a tail gunner who fell 12,000 feet in the tail of his plane after it had been shot up by enemy fire. Other patients have told of actual experiences they suffered as prisoners of war of the Germans or Japs. Many of the stories told of the intrepid courage of front-line medics.

This Saturday's program will tell the story of S-Sgt. Daniel Lind of Ladiesburg, Maryland, who wears the Silver Star, the Purple Heart with two clusters in recognition of his three battle wounds and sev-

eral service ribbons as well as the Combat Infantry Badge. Sgt. Lind will tell briefly about the circumstances of his wounds and details of the reconditioning at McGuire that has made it possible for him to go to an advanced reconditioning center in the very near future.

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# MAC Offers Bars To Qualified EM

Washington (CNS)—The Army is offering opportunities for commissions in the Medical Administrative Corps to 1245 qualified enlisted men or warrant officers. Between February 2 and April 27, five classes will be enrolled at the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., for 17 weeks' training. Additional classes may be added if needed.

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# 53 Tallies Make Wolf Tourney Scoring Champ

Charley Wolf, ex-University of Pennsylvania athlete, poured 22 points through the hoops at the gymnasium Thursday night to win the individual scoring title in the 1944-45 intra-post basketball tournament.

Wolf's tournament record-breaking total gave him 53 points as his Military Personnel mates ran roughshod over the Blackjack Five to take the team championship by a 58 to 16 count.

Close behind the bespectacled forward in the point column for the title game were Sgt. Bill Allison and WO Bob Conway with 18 and 16 points respectively.

An individual trophy was presented to Wolf after the game by Lieutenant Howard B. Leeds, public relations officer. The Military Personnel team was awarded a plaque on which the names of all players will be imprinted in gold leaf.

Although expected to win the scoring crown, Wolf far exceeded the most optimistic hopes by sinking 11 field goals. Going into the game in third place in individual scoring statistics, he needed 11 points to pass the total of 41 compiled by Tony Hoffman and was conceded a fair chance of edging out the Klassy Kwintet forward, Lt. Dave Yoakley of Yoakley's Yogies had totaled 51 markers and virtually clinched the trophy, but tournament officials had agreed to give the second-place man the award inasmuch as Yoakley had left the post. Wolf settled the matter personally, however, by slamming in 22 counters.

Military Personnel had no trouble disposing of the Black Jacks, piling up a 33 to 6 lead at halftime. The Black Jacks were off form offensively, repeatedly missing shots under the basket, while the Personnel squad hit from every angle.

Statistics of the title game revealed that not a single personal foul was called against Military Personnel during the 32 minutes of play.

The McGuirettes concluded their season by defeating the recently organized Cadet Nurses by 26 to 10. The victory gave the McGuirettes a season's record of seven wins, seven losses and two ties.

Representing McGuire femininity are the Trojans and Kingsters, cadet nurse teams, as well as the McGuirettes.

Match play will govern the tournament. Three games will constitute a match, with the team winning two games in each match advancing to the next round. The loss of two matches will eliminate a team from further competition.

Team pairings and the complete tournament schedule will be announced in next week's issue of the BANNER.

Lieutenant Berman said that plans were being formulated also for a badminton tournament to follow the volleyball competition, but the details would not be announced until a post volleyball champion had been crowned.

# Oops! Wrong Man

France (CNS)—A Nazi soldier disguised as a GI slipped within the American lines to disrupt communications. Once inside, however, he changed his mind and surrendered to the first American sergeant he met.

"I'm a German," he said.

"So am I," the sergeant replied, "you traitor."

Real GIs found them a few minutes later wrestling in the snow.

# Post Theater

Week of Thursday, March 15. Shows start at 6:15 and 8:15 p. m. Patients admitted to first show only.

Thursday—"A Song to Remember," with Paul Muni and Merle Oberon.

Saturday—"Molly and Me," with Monty Woolley and Gracie Fields.

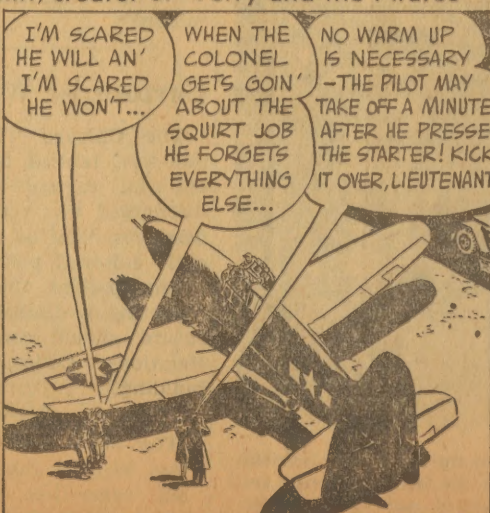
Sunday—"I'll Be Seeing You," with Ginger Rogers, Joseph Cotten and Shirley Temple.

Tuesday—Double Feature. "The Cisco Kid Returns," with Duncan Renaldo and Martin Garralaga. Plus "A Guy, A Gal, and a Pal," with Lynn Merrick and Ross Hunter.

Wednesday—"Circumstantial Evidence," with Michael O'Shea and Lloyd Nolan.

# Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



# Briefs for Observation Mission